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One, Two, Flea!

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SHARE A STORY

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Introduction



One of the best ways you can help your children learn and learn to read is to share books with them. Here's why:

- They get to know the **sounds, rhythms** and **words** used in the way we write. This is different from how we talk, so hearing stories helps children learn how to read.
- They think about the **feelings** of the characters in the book. This helps them as they go about their own lives with other people.
- They think about the **ideas** in the book. This helps them to understand the world.
- Sharing books and listening to what your children say about them shows your children that you care about them, you care about what they think and who they are.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Rosen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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One, two, three,
mother finds a flea,
puts it in the teapot
to make a cup of tea.





The flea jumps out,
mother gives a shout,
in comes father
with his shirt hanging out.

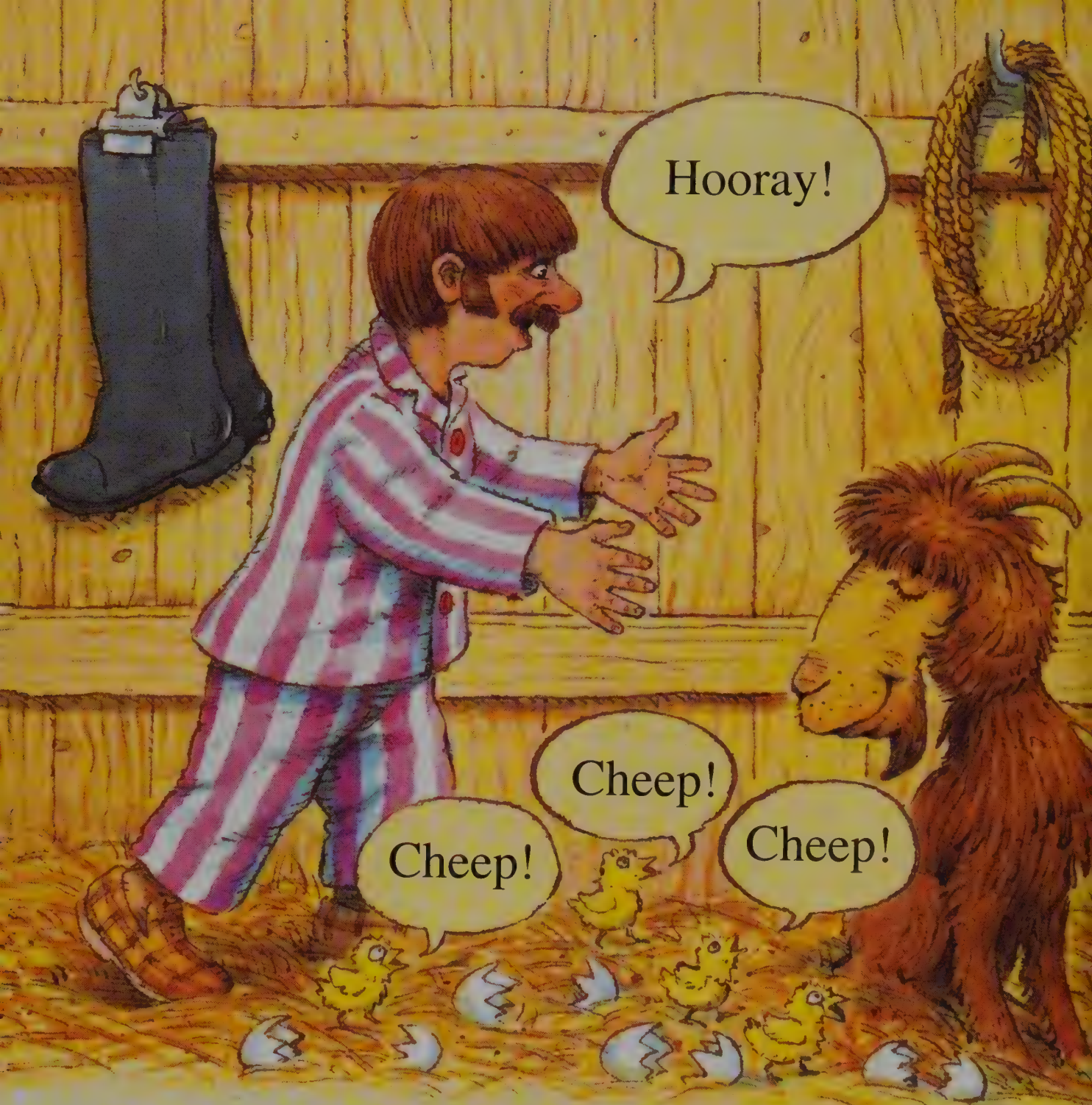




Four, five, six,
father's in a fix,

wants to get the billy goat
to hatch a few chicks.





The chicks hatch out,
father gives a shout,



in comes granny
with her hair sticking out.





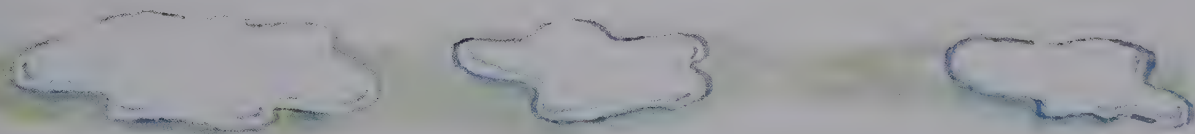
Seven, eight, nine,
granny's doing fine,
scrubs all the children
and pegs them on the line.







The line gives way,
granny shouts “Hey!”
“Wow!” shout the children...





and they all run away.

Tiny Tim





I have a little brother,
his name is Tiny Tim,
I put him in the bath-tub
to teach him how to swim.

He drinks up all the water,
he eats up all the soap,
he goes to bed
with a bubble in his throat.

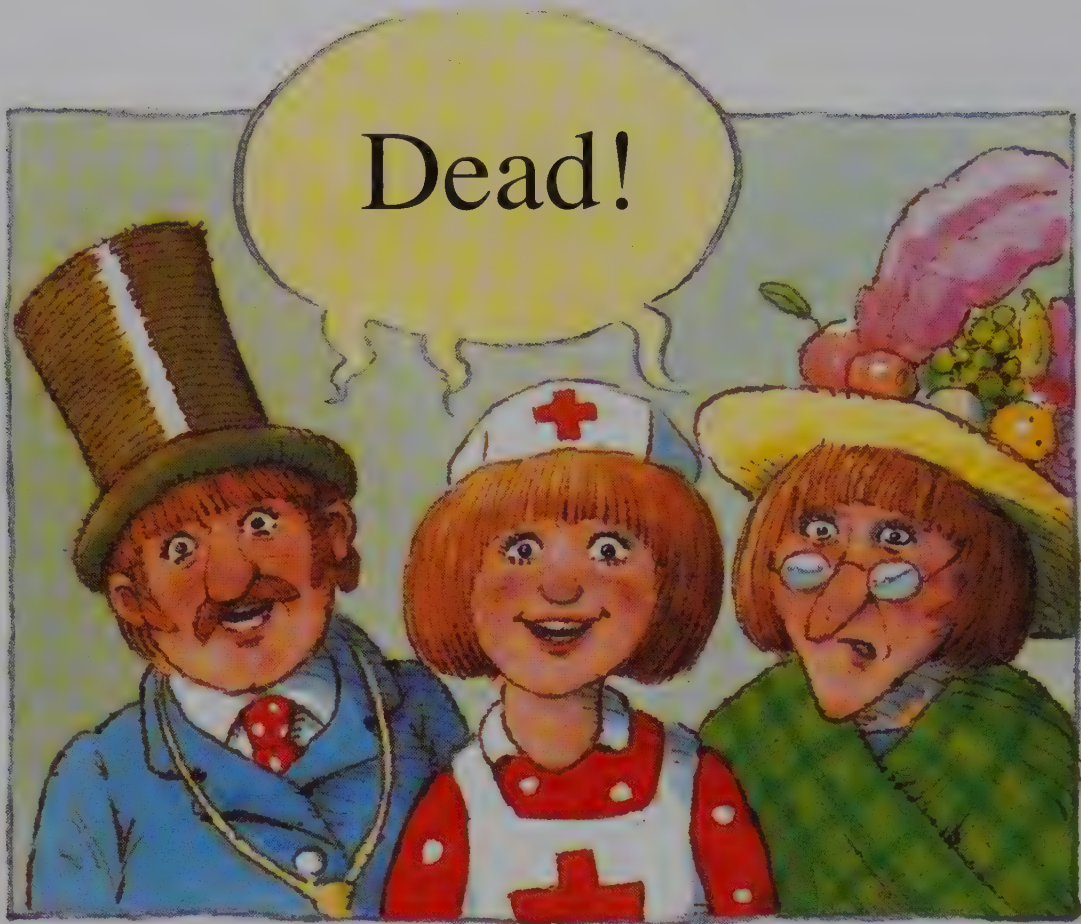




In comes the doctor,
in comes the nurse,



in comes the lady
with the alligator purse.



“Dead!” says the doctor.
“Dead!” says the nurse.
“Dead!” says the lady
with the alligator purse.



But he isn't!

POP!





I have a little sister,
her name is Lorelei,
I push her up the chimney
to teach her how to fly.



She runs about the roof-tops,
she chases all the crows,
she goes to bed
with a feather up her nose.

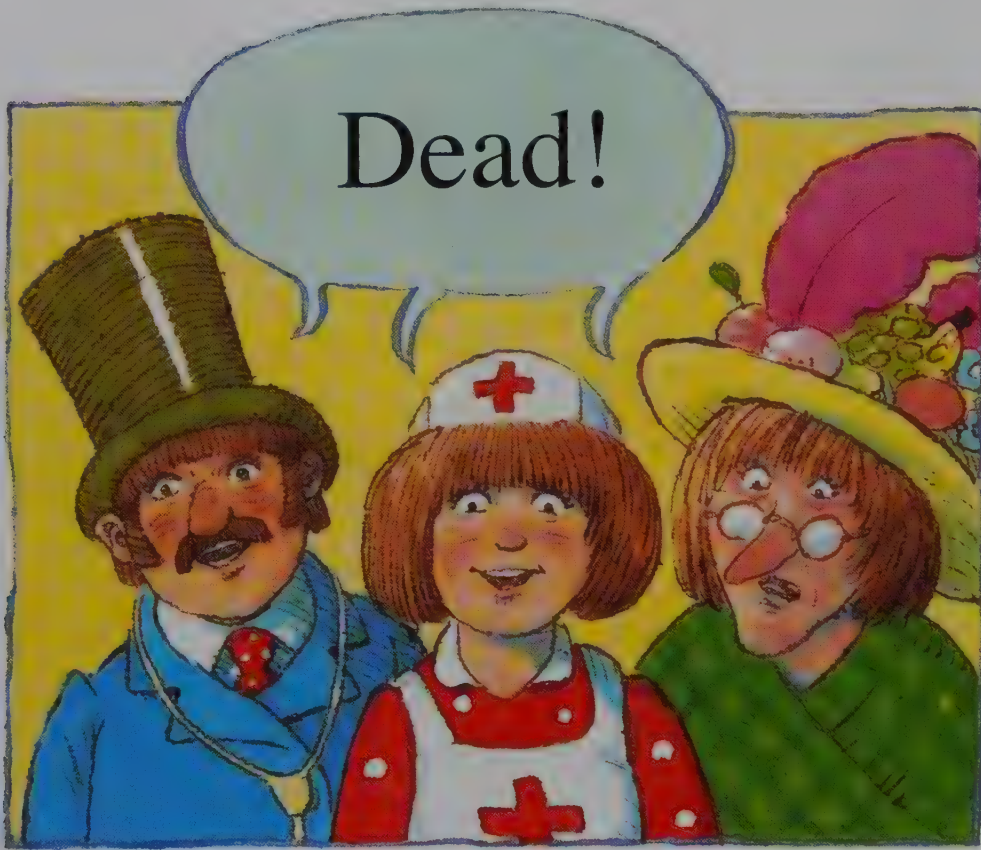




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in comes the lady
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But she isn't!



Sharing Stories

Sharing stories together is a pleasurable way to help children learn to read and enjoy books.

Reading stories aloud and encouraging children to talk about the pictures and join in with parts of the story they know well are good ways to build their interest in books. They will want to share their favourite books again and again. This is an important part of becoming a successful reader.



One, Two, Flea! presents two funny rhymes from the winning author-illustrator team of Allan Ahlberg and Colin McNaughton. Here are some ways you can share this book:

- With two rhymes featuring the same family in different situations, this book offers children an early introduction to the idea of chapters.
- Both rhymes encourage children to have a go at joining in the reading. In **One, Two, Flea!** they can follow the counting rhyme pattern; in **Tiny Tim** the strong repetition supports their reading and there's an amusing alternative version about a little sister to grab their interest.
- If children get stuck on a word you can help them to guess what it might be by using the pictures, the meaning of the story and the first letter of the word. You can also help them to break down the word into syllables or chunks, e.g. stick-ing. If they're really stuck, just give them the word and carry on reading to keep it an enjoyable experience.
- Together you can look at the patterns in the rhyme to encourage children's interest in how words are written down. You can make rhyme cards and play a "matching pairs" game. It can include rhyming words from the book and rhymes with family names, e.g. Polly-jolly, Sue-blue, Ben-ten.

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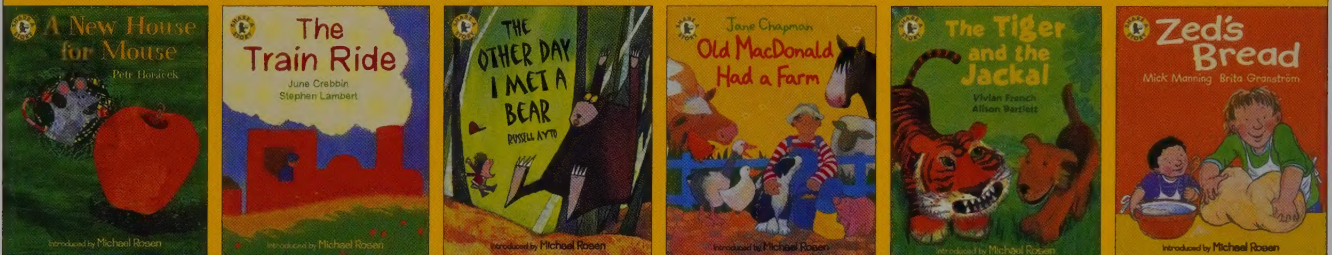
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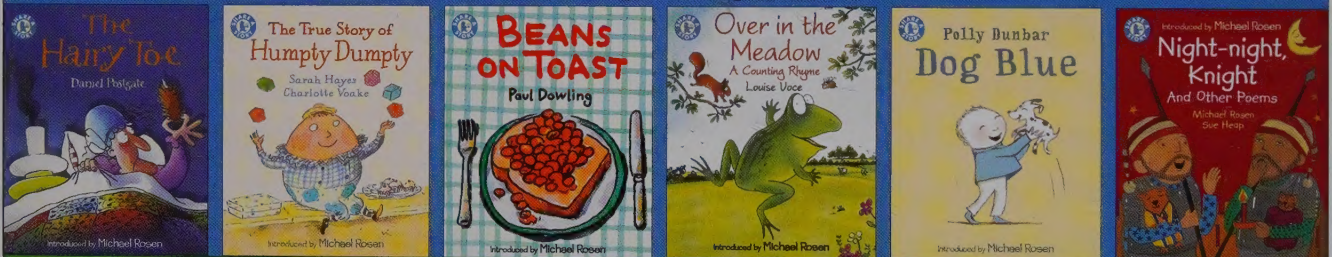
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One, Two, Flea!

A flea in a teapot and a boy who goes to bed with a bubble in his throat – here are two hilarious versions of nonsense rhymes by one of the most popular children's book authors.

Share a Story is a delightful first library of stories, poems and rhymes, non-fiction and traditional tales by today's finest authors and illustrators. Perfect for children and adults to share, the books come in four learning-to-read levels and have helpful notes and advice on reading together.

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